

The South

Vocabulary Builder

Section 2

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

1. The _____ were the wealthiest members of southern society.
(yeomen/planters)
2. Most white southerners were _____, or owners of small farms, and owned few slaves or none at all. (yeomen/planters)
3. _____ would often work side by side with slaves.
(yeomen/planters)
4. In most southern cities, _____ did most of the work.
(planters/slaves)
5. White southerners shared a common culture and _____ that was central to southern social life. (artisans/religion)
6. Free African Americans in the South often worked as skilled _____, or would hire out their services to plantations.
(artisans/religion)
7. Some wealthy white southerners attempted to use _____ to justify their position in society and the institution of slavery. (artisans/religion)

DIRECTIONS On a separate sheet of paper use the vocabulary word **yeoman** to write a letter that relates to the section.